WLL(M) to WLL(M), WLL(M) to Cellular, Cellular to Fixed, Cellular to WLL(M), Cellular to Cellular, Incoming International Calls and Outgoing International Calls.

The rates of ADC have been revised from time to time.

(c) ADC has been levied by TRAI as a part of the tariff rebalancing exercised and implementation of the cost based Interconnection Usage Charge Regime including 'Calling Party Pays' Regime for the Cellular Services. BSNL also like any other operator contributes to the ADC that is being received by BSNL. Private operators are also eligible to get ADC subject to conditions prescribed by TRAI. Therefore, no unlevelled playing field is created.

(d) No such benefit is being derived from other cellular operators.

Review in IT Act to address cyber crimes

910. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed changes in the IT Act will address the spurt in cyber crimes and data theft/pilferage by staffers of Call Centres;

(b) whether the proposed changes include deletion of 'hacking' giving Government sweeping powers to monitor internet, easing liabilities of network service providers and not bringing in a specific data protection law; and

(c) whether enforcement of IT Act needs complementary support of IPC, Contrat Act and Consumer Protection Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The proposed changes in the IT Act, 2000 would further strengthen the provisions related to Cyber Crimes.

(b) No, Sir. The offence relating to hacking is not proposed to be deleted. The offence related to hacking would be covered under the various provisions of the IT Act.

(c) The Information Technology Act is basically to promote e-governance and e-commerce related activities. Some of the computer related offences are covered specifically in the IT Act. However, certain offences which are

already covered under the various Acts of the country like IPC are not specifically being covered under the IT Act.

Decline in the wireline phones

911. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cost of installation and servicing of wireline phone is very expensive as compared to other Mobile, Fixed Wireless Phones (FWPs);

(b) if so, the details of cost of installation, servicing and income from a wireline phone *vis-a-vis* a Mobile/FWP/WLL phone;

(c) whether there has been a sharp decline of wireline phones during the last one year as compared to other phones; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information received from Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) the installation cost of wireline is around Rs. 26000/- per line while that of Wireless in Local Loop Phone is around Rs. 9000/- and that of mobile phone (excluding cost of Handset) is around 5500/-. The operational expenditure per line month for basic services has been reportedas Rs. 621.25 while for cellular services, the corresponding figure is Rs. 205/-. The average revenue for basic services by BSNL is reported to be Rs. 704.00 per line per month while corresponding figures for post paid mobile services has been reported as Rs. 668.89 and that for prepaid services as Rs. 360.71.

(c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (BSNL) have reported surrender of wireline phones.

(d) According to the available information 32.02 lakhs lines in BSNL and 1.92 lakhs lines in MTNL have been surrendered in the current financial year till 31st October, 2005.